MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): It is said, in regard to this particular road, that the dangerous condition of this road on account of its narrowness and many bad curves necessitated such a provision for its improvement. May I know, who certified to that effect?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Dewan, when he inspected the place recently, found that the road was narrow and in a dangerous condition.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Does the member know in which particular locality this road is?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Is it that the member has no information where the Northern Outlet road is?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The member wanted the particular spot where the road is narrow.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know where the road is?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The answer says that.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Beyond what is mentioned in the question no further information is available. Is it so?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether the condition of any other road has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Dewan or by any other officer?

PRESIDENT: That question does not arise.

Opening of a road from Marungur to Tovala.

36. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was a proposal to construct a cart road from Marungur to Tovala *via* Kamblingampottakudiyiruppu;

(*b*) whether the alignment is over;

(*c*) whether they are aware of the extreme inconvenience of the people of Kamblingampottakudiyiruppu to go to Marungur, owing to water-logging on the way;

(*d*) whether there was any budget allotment in 1105 or 1106 or 1107 for the proposed road;

(*e*) whether the whole sum was spent; and

(*f*) if not, why not?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There was no such proposal. But a petition was received by the Division Officer, Nagercoil, for the opening of the road.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Government have no information.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) and (*f*) These do not arise, in view of the answer to part (*d*).

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MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastiswaram*): May I know the date on which the petition was received by the Division Officer, Nagercoil?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No information is available on that point.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastiswaram*): Am I to understand that I should be statisfied with the reply given by the member?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

Promotion of undergraduate clerks in the Land Revenue Department.

37. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the undergraduate clerks in the lowest grade in the Land Revenue Department are promoted as second grade clerks in accordance with the circular, Dis. No. 431 of 1926/P. W.;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether there are cases in which undergraduate clerks who have acted in the second grade even before the date of the above circular have not been given promotion to the second grade; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, a list of such cases in the Quilon Division with the reasons for not considering the claims of such persons?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The answers are in the affirmative.

(*c*) The list* is laid on the table. It is reported that persons whose names are included in the list have not been promoted since all their seniors have not yet been promoted to the grade of Rs. 40-70. Nos. 3 and 4 in the list have not passed the Revenue and Account Test Examinations which are essential for promotion.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know how many undergraduate clerks have been promoted to the second grade after the issue of Dis. No. 431 of 1926/P. W.?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Am I to understand that till now all persons who have acted before 1926 have not been absorbed?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer furnished says that. Seven persons have not been absorbed yet.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether it is according to the seniority of the clerks that the list is arranged?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that definitely. The list is prepared on the information supplied by the Land Revenue Commissioner.

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